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TAGS: OVIP (MOOSE, RICHARD M.)

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR MOOSE VISIT TO GUINEA: POSSIBLE VISIT TO
BISSAU

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 3348

1. AS YOU GUESSED, ABRUPT SHORTENING OF YOUR VISIT TO
CONAKRY WOULD BE EXTREMELY PAINFUL HERE. NECESSITY OF
CANCELLING EVENING MUSICAL/DANCE PERFORMANCE BEING GIVEN
IN YOUR HONOR AUGUST 2 AT PALAIS DU PEUPLE WOULD BE MOST
AWKWARD, AS IT WOULD INVOLVE WIDER CONAKRY COMMUNITY
AND WOULD REPRESENT A VERY PUBLIC ACT THAT WOULD BE SEEN
AS A SLIGHT OUTSIDE AS WELL AS WITHIN GOG. WE STRONGLY
RECOMMEND AGAINST PROPOSED CHANGE OF SCHEDULE. ADDITIONAL
CONSIDERATION IS THAT UNCERTAIN WEATHER CONDITIONS
COULD POSE PROBLEMS FOR YOUR ARRIVING IN CONAKRY IN TIME
FOR AUGUST 3 CALLS, THE FIRST OF WHICH, AT 0830, IS WITH
PRESIDENT TOURE'S HALF-BROTHER ISMAEL TOURE, A PARTICULARLY
INFLUENTIAL MINISTER, WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD US AND ESPECIALLY
IMPORTANT WITH REGARD TO POTENTIAL US INVESTMENT IN GUINEA (US
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STEEL, REYNOLDS, DDI, ETC.).

2. RE VISIT TO CBG, WE AGREE THIS WOULD BE USEFUL AND
BELIEVE COMPANY AND GOG WOULD WELCOME. IF YOU WISH,
WE COULD ARRANGE SUCH VISIT FOR AFTERNOON AUGUST 2,
A. DAO PLAN MIGHT FLY CONAKRY, PICK UP NEW CBG
PRESIDENT MANLEY SCHULTZ AND AMBASSADOR, AND PROCEED

KAMSAR.

B. ALTERNATIVELY, SCHULTZ (AND GOG) MIGHT PREFER THAT WE FLY CONAKRY-KAMSAR IN CBG TWIN OTTER AIRCRAFT.

C. THIRD POSSIBILITY IS THAT DAO PLANE TAKE YOU DIRECT BAMAKO-KAMSAR FOR VISIT (SCHULTZ AND AMBASSADOR WOULD BE WAITING THERE) AND THEN COME ON TO CONAKRY FOR DINNER AND EVENING THEATER PERFORMANCE (THIS LATTER OPTION MIGHT NOT BE WELCOMED BY GUINEAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES, BUT WE COULD INQUIRE).

3. IF CBG VISIT IS LAID ON, WE WOULD TRY TO SQUEEZE IN YOUR MEETING WITH MISSION STAFF SOME TIME AUGUST 3, OR MORE PROBABLY AUGUST 4, AS THE OPPORTUNITY PERMITS.

4. GREATLY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED SCHEDULE CHANGE. PLEASE INFORM US NIACT IMMEDIATE YOUR DECISION RE BISSAU VISIT AND RE CBG VISIT, INDICATING YOUR PREFERENCE OF OPTIONS 2.A, B OR C ABOVE.
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